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The proposed decision is in conformance with the Roswell Resource Management Plan, as amended, and was analyzed in NM-510-2010-0108 EA, June 2010. The total length of fence to be installed is 0.7 miles. The fence will be placed on public land for livestock grazing management. Actual construction of the fence will be done by the allottee. The surface protection procedures set forth in the proposed action have been incorporated into the Determination of NEPA Adequacy.

Rationale for Recommendations: The decision to authorize the proposed action does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation. The action is consistent with planned actions presented in the Management Framework Plan Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement on Rangeland Management in the Roswell Resource Area (1984), and the Roswell Resource Area Resource Management Plan (Draft, 1994), the Roswell Resource Area Resource Management Plan (Final, 1997) and the Roswell Resource Plan Amendment.

In accordance with 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 4100, Sec 4160.2 any applicant, permittee, lessee or other affected interests may protest this proposed decision in person or in writing to the authorized officer, within 15 days after receipt of this decision. Please be specific in your points of protest.

In the absence of a protest, this proposed decision will become the final decision without further notice. Any person who is adversely affected by a final decision of the authorized officer may file a written appeal to the Final Decision for the purpose of a hearing before an administrative law judge under 43 CFR 4.470. A period of 30 days after the decision becomes final is provided in which to file an appeal and a petition for stay of the decision in this office (43 CFR §§4160.3 [c] and §§4160.4).

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Documentation of Land Use Plan Compliance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA) DOI-BLM-NM-P010-2015-0091-DNA

A. Roswell Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: Allotment 63048

Proposed Action Title/Type: 2015 Corn Cedar Hill Fence

Location of Proposed Action: T 8 S, R 20 E, Sec. 21

NMPM, Lincoln County, New Mexico

Description of Proposed Action: Approximately 0.7 miles of barbed wire fence on public within allotment 63048 (see attached map).

B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans

LUP Name: Roswell Resource Management Plan, Date Approved: October 1997

Other document: NM-510-2010-0108 EA (2010)

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions) and, if applicable, implementation plans decisions:

Livestock Grazing Management, p. 31: "Rangeland improvements and vegetation treatments will continue to be implemented to improve or maintain forage productions and range condition, in an effort to achieve the Desired Plant Community." And Appendix 8: Decisions from Previous Planning Documents which are carried forward.

C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the Proposed action.

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- D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria
- 1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed?

Yes. The current Proposed Action was analyzed in the above-mentioned Environmental Assessment (EA). The Proposed Action is the same action analyzed in the existing NEPA document.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values and circumstances?

Yes. The existing NEPA documents analyzed the proposed action as well as a reasonable range of alternatives. The EA was reviewed by identified public interests and no conflicts or concerns were identified. The same applies to the current proposed action given current concerns, interests, and resource values.

- 3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis on the proposed action?
- Yes. The proposed action is the same as the proposed action analyzed in the EA. The EA was recently completed and there is no new information or circumstances in regard to this area which would warrant further analysis.
- 4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?
- Yes. The existing EA used in the analysis of the proposed action is still decisive in the evaluation of all the resources and it is still acceptable for the current proposed action.
- 5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged for those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document sufficiently analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?

Yes, the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects would be the same as stated in the existing NEPA document. The effects would not be changed considering the proposed action is the same as the proposed action as analyzed in the EA, along with no change in management.

- 6. Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from the implementation of the current proposed action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?
- Yes. The cumulative impacts were addressed in the existing environmental assessment and are fundamentally unchanged in the existing NEPA document.
- 7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?
- Yes. The original EA was reviewed by members of the public, NM Game & Fish, and other interested publics.
- E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

Refer to the EA for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original EA or planning documents.

F. Mitigation Measure: Please review the original EA for mitigation measures.

Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action. This constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirement of NEPA.

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